

Battery Life – MP3 Player

The installed rechargeable battery erodes rapidly if the player is left switched on at the mains over a long period of time. After discussion at both LCT introductory meetings, the best advice we can give a listener is as follows.

It's best to listen to the Courant news and the magazine that follows with the player powered by the battery. So it's not plugged in and switched on at the mains. No need to sit near a wall socket. Then, after each week's use, the listener or a relative/friend can plug the player into an electric socket (or leave the plug in the socket) and switch the socket on, (making sure the player itself is switched off (front dial anti-clockwise)). The battery will be sufficiently recharged in 2 hours.

In brief:

- listen to the news and magazines on battery power
- and recharge separately for 2 hours.

Replacing a faulty MP3 player

In light of the problem of battery erosion, at a visit requested because of a faulty MP3 player, check:

1. the charger – is it OK and in one piece? (and, subtly, is it left switched on at the wall over long periods?)
2. the battery – replace the player's battery with the one you can take from the new machine and switch on. If the player works, leave behind just the new battery (with battery cover secured with tape).
3. If the battery is not the fault, leave new machine with new battery behind, adding the above advice. Return with the faulty machine and its old battery, which will be collected by DC.

Collecting an unneeded/unwanted MP3 player

Make sure that the charger and cable are included.